

Dr. Robert Thornton SCC Meeting Minutes – May 12th, 2026

Attendance: Mrs. Fry, Ms. Morrow, Aimee Gray, Danielle Close, Robyn Segura, Angela Campbell, Anna Kehagias & Ella Falzon (virtual)

1. Principal's Update :

- Primary level working on conflict resolution & emotion regulation
- Intermediates working in organization & being prepared
- *New- student sign out @ lunch to keep track of who is off school property
- * * Really working on addressing phone use & ear buds in class

Supports/Interventions

- Gr. 1 & 2 - extra learning phonics program; extra literacy support with Krista Minor
- Kindergarten – working with speech language pathologist for extra support
- Gr. 3 & 6 – EQAO prep; extra support for math/reading/writing
- * EQAO dates -Gr. 6 – May 20-23; Gr. 3 – June 2-4
- Gr. 7 & 8 -math & reading groups available for optional extra support
- ** If parents feel their child needs extra support please speak to teacher
- ** All extra support is happening concurrently with class lessons & focus is on inclusion

Other important dates/upcoming events

- STEM night this Thursday
- May 22nd – Gr. 7 & 8 immunization catch up day
- May 26th – SCC movie night
- June 3rd – Beauty & the Beast Musical (tickets @ schoolcash online & raffle for VIP seats, parking & snack pack)
- June 9th- Welcome to Kindergarten
- Many upcoming end of year field trips including Durham Forest, Enniskillen, Fire Hall, Nebs etc.

*** Parent Involvement Committee – our rep is Jennifer Cushnin

Upcoming DDSB events – Speaker series “Taking a Step” May 21st (registration req'd)

2. SCC Updates

- SCC members requested to vote on what to do with SCC funds (balance unavailable at time of meeting)
- Options : Audio Cine licence for movies, outdoor sports equipment for recess & balloon arch for Gr. 8 grad
- All members voted in favour of movie licence as it can be used for movie nights and by teachers for classroom use (cost TBD)
- Members voted in favour of purchasing of sports equipment however agreed to wait until we have concrete number of classrooms for fall as many students are leaving. Plan is to allocate each classroom a budget to purchase balls etc. – these items will be kept in each classroom to be distributed at recess and returned
- Discussed balloon arch – agreed to purchase from Amazon if SCC members/parents are willing to put it together for Grad

3. Upcoming events

- Movie Night - May 26th at 6 pm – need to draft flyer to email out & assign volunteers
- Discussed planning for next year – asked about having a running list of “Alumni” students that would be interested in returning to assist with things like Breakfast with Santa & Spring Fair
- Discussed doing more fundraisers for SCC– ie. Vandemeers, Halendas, Little Caesars
- **Would like all SCC members to research options & come prepared to first meeting in fall with suggestions
- Mrs. Fry mentioned the idea of a snack program in the school run by SCC – could look at doing this in the fall
- ** Hoping to start planning Spring Fair for 2027 – need to set a date & recruit volunteers - suggested having a table set up at the fall BBQ to drive up interest

4. Reflection on School year

- Discussed what parents/SCC members feel is going well (kiss & ride, Thrive assemblies, literacy & numeracy initiatives & community memo)
- Discussed that community memo sometimes missing important info ie. Dates of team tryouts; important to note dates can change so encouraging students to listen to announcements and take responsibility
- Discussed challenges to field trips – including but not limited to costs, bus shortages and strict rules/regulations from board on what is permitted

- Discussed outdoor recess being cancelled due to weather/field conditions and finding ways to ensure everyone has access to outdoor play time
- Discussed ways for kids to stay in contact with friends that are transitioning to new school next year - possible Pen Pal option (to be explored further)
- Staff shared plans for an end of year “Play day” to celebrate in combination with the final Thrive assembly
- Discussed Gr. 8 grad – parents would like more concrete info on what to expect with both the trip and graduation day
- Discussed Gr. 8 grad fundraising initiatives – will go to support ALL grads in some way depending on how much is raised (keep ordering Booster juice) – will go towards cost of things like trip, dinner etc.
- Discussed what funds from regular school fundraising are used for & staff identified it is mainly used to support the library (purchasing new books, equipment etc.) and school is looking into getting Gym doors wrapped.